

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

Delete the Abstract in its entirety and replace with the following new Abstract:

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A control unit, ATM cell and process for writing data into registers of at least one device comprising a management interface or for reading values from registers of such devices, wherein communication between at least one management unit which generates the data to be written or which undertakes further processing of read-out data and the control units via an ATM inband protocol occurs so as to provide an option to inexpensively read or write data. The control units, which have access to the registers of at least one of the devices by way of the management unit, with instructions and information for specific devices connected to the respective control unit, are integrated into the payload of the ATM cells. The control units implement the instructions and, if applicable, transmit a response ATM cell back to the management unit. --